

1 H.142

2 Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation and finance; compensation for members of General
6 Assembly

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
8 members of the General Assembly to be compensated for time spent on
9 constituent services when the General Assembly is not in session.

10 An act relating to allowing members of the General Assembly to be
11 compensated for time spent on constituent services when the General
12 Assembly is not in session

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

15 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 (a) Each member of the General Assembly, other than the Speaker and the
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is entitled to:

18 (1) When the General Assembly is in session, a weekly salary of
19 \$589.00 for the 2005 Biennial Session and thereafter; provided that, beginning
20 on January 1, 2007, the weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually
21 thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees

1 under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The salary of members
2 shall be paid in biweekly installments.

3 (2) During a special session, a member is entitled to \$118.00 a day for
4 each day of a special session which is called at any time following the 2005
5 biennial session for each day on which the House of which he or she is a
6 member shall sit.

7 (3) When the General Assembly has adjourned, an hourly rate of \$17.00
8 for time spent on constituent services. The rate of hourly compensation shall
9 be adjusted annually by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for State
10 employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. A member
11 requesting compensation under this subdivision shall:

12 (A) keep a record of:

13 (i) the date, time, and duration of the services provided;

14 (ii) the identity of the person the member provided services
15 for; and

16 (iii) a description of the services provided; and

17 (B) retain these records for five years from the date services
18 were provided.

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20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.